

TREE WARDEN FOR WESTERLY.

Board of Trade Advocates Appointment of Such Officer—Standing Committees Named—Temperance League Active Though Unpopular—Former Norwich Young Men Aids in Valuable Invention—Fellowship Meeting at Pawcatuck.

Just before adjournment of the Westery board of trade monthly meeting, Frederick C. Buffum referred to the recent destruction of several large trees in Elm street of over half a century's growth, which were blown down, their roots having been cut away in the building of a sidewalk. Other trees had been killed by gases and by other causes, and he thought it about time that some remedy be applied.

William Clark and Dr. John Champlin spoke on the subject, and the result was the passage of a vote referring the matter to the committee on municipal improvement, with instructions to prepare resolutions to be presented for action at the next meeting, suggesting the appointment of a tree warden to have full charge of all matters pertaining to trees in the streets of Westery. The resolution, if adopted, will be submitted to the Westery town council for action. At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trade, standing committees for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:

Finance—Clifford W. Campbell, William P. Joslin, Walter Price, Everett E. Whipple, Joseph T. Murphy. Trades and Manufactures—John Champlin, C. Edwin Gove, Jr., Joseph T. Murphy, William Sagar, Charles W. Nugent, Frank A. Wilcox, William P. Joslin, George E. Broughton, Michael Higgins, Thomas J. Bannon, Denison C. Hinchley, R. S. Melick, Irvine O. Chester.

Memberships—Albert G. Martin, William A. Wilcox, B. Court Bentley, Robert Durr, James Collins, William P. Greenman, Lucius E. Peck, W. D. Critcherson, Albert L. Castillone. Municipal Improvement and Traffic—James A. Walsh, J. Irvin Maxson, Thomas McKenna, Charles H. Stanton, Frederick C. Buffum, S. J. Reuter, A. H. Langworthy, Milo M. Clark, John Thorpe, Edward M. Burke, Francis G. Hawley.

Printing and Publicity—George H. Utter, Rev. Samuel M. Cathart, La. Claude Woodmansee, Cash Miller, Frank W. Dawye, Edwin Whitford. Statistics—Charles E. Sherman, Arthur N. Nash, J. Howard Morgan, Howard Clark, Albert E. Barber, Everett Barnes. Reception—Arthur M. Cottrell, Arthur L. Perry, Frank A. Sherman, William H. Browning.

Charles J. Dutton of Westery, financial agent of the Rhode Island Temperance league, made interesting report at the annual meeting Wednesday. He reported his collection during the year as \$1,553.34, and entered into the details of collection in an analytical way.

The business depression, he said, had its effect on collections, but on the whole the support of the temperance cause in financial way was growing stronger among the so-called middle classes, while the wealthy are more responsive. Mr. Dutton specified those churches which are increasing and those which are decreasing in the contributions to the league's treasury. He said he had discovered during the agitation for a temperance law a year ago that the league was Rhode Island's most unpopular organization at state house.

The treasurer's report showed receipts for the year of \$1,553.34, with cash on hand January 1, 1908, of \$271.06, a total of \$1,824.40. The total expenditures of the year were \$4,012.32, leaving cash at the close of the year of \$2,292.72.

The report for January by George H. Utter of Westery, treasurer of the

Seventh-day Baptist Missionary society, shows cash in treasury January 1, to be \$1,709.42, with receipts, including \$72.99 from the Ashaway church and \$2 from Elizabeth U. Maxson of Waterford, of \$1,652.23, making the total \$3,361.65. The expenditures were \$1,304.64, which includes \$18.75 to the Niantic church, and leaves a balance of \$1,553.34 in the treasury January 31.

Thomas McGarrier and H. A. Hanna of Hope Valley, the latter a former resident of Norwich, have invented and patented rail ties, which, if adopted for general use, means much to the financial future of these ingenious young men. The invention relates to rail ties, and more particularly to that class of metallic ties, and has for its object to promote a tie of this character, which will be extremely simple and which will embody a novel form of ballast arranged to also form a cushioning means for absorbing vibrations incident to the weight of moving trains. It is also intended to provide a novel form of rail clamping means arranged to hold the rails against creeping forward or away from each other; also, to obviate the use of spikes or similar fastenings, to be permanently engaged with the base flanges of rails, and allow for the expansion and contraction of rails. This device has stood several severe tests, and Messrs. McGarrier and Hanna believe they have a good thing and propose to push it along.

The Mystic Power company has entered into a contract for ten years with the Mystic fire district, which is located in the towns of Groton and Stonington. The street lights will be supplied by the electric light of the rate \$15 a year per lamp. The company agrees to give the districts any and all benefits that may arise in street lighting outfit, and should some invention come reducing the cost of production, the company will give the district increased service without extra compensation.

The town of Westery and the Pawcatuck fire district are under ten years contract with the electric light company and upon the same terms as Mystic, except that instead of 25-candpower lamps at \$15, 40-candpower lamps at forty cents are furnished. New street fixtures have already been installed in Mystic and others to soon follow.

The power company has a contract with Stonington borough, but is furnishing the artificial light on same price as now paid by Mystic, but the borough assumes all liability, and not entitled to the advantages specified in the contract.

The delegates to the fellowship meeting of the Congregational churches in this section met with the Congregational church in Pawcatuck Wednesday, and were formally welcomed by Rev. S. M. Cathart, pastor. The sermon at the morning session was preached by Rev. Mr. White of Ledyard. There was a large attendance at the meeting and they were served refreshments by the ladies of the local church.

What Should Be the Supreme Aim of All Church Work, Preaching Inclusive? was the subject of discussion at the afternoon session, which was led by Col. James Brown of North Stonington, and Dr. James W. Weeks, Jr., of Stonington.

Peggy S. Barber who company of Pawcatuck, died these officers in annual meeting: Patrick J. Shea, foreman; George Burdick, first assist-

ant; Alexander Aitken, second assistant; Alexander R. Gavitt, secretary; William Crandall, treasurer; Thomas Whalen, steward; John E. Morrison, wool committee; Daniel E. Whalen, who has been foreman of the company for the past three years, was re-elected, but declined to serve. A chicken supper was served after the meeting.

The following officers and committees of the Merle league of the First Baptist church were elected at the adjourned annual meeting: Edward G. King, president; Leo C. Nye, vice president; Robert E. Taylor, secretary; William W. Bromley, treasurer; Lorenzo D. Chase, Albert G. Martin, Alfred J. Martin, membership committee; Edward C. King, Rev. George W. Rigler, Isaac G. Barber, religious committee; William W. Bromley, Law S. MacNee, Ethel Wilcox, social committee. An entertainment and oyster supper followed the election.

Local Laconics. Walter Dyer, age 22, formerly of New London, died at his home on the West Side, Wednesday, from tuberculosis. He is survived by Mrs. Dyer, formerly Miss Sparvane of New London.

A new London basketball team played a practice team with the Fifth company team in the armory Wednesday evening in preparation for the game with Danbury for the Eastern Connecticut championship.

Deputy Sheriff John B. Wilcox of Washington county and Dr. Herbert T. B. Smith of Westery are on a wild goose chase in Chesapeake bay. They intend to devote most of their time seeking the game in Virginia waters. The issue of the Westery high school seniors is to be issued once by each of the other classes outside of the regular issue by the seniors. The seniors will put out the next issue, followed by the sophomores and freshmen.

John J. Dunn of Westery, secretary of the state board of agriculture, spoke in favor of the passage of orchard nursery inspection act at the hearing given by the senate committee on agriculture and mechanical arts, on Wednesday.

There is considerable interest in Rhode Island in Governor Lillie's appointment of Associate Justice Frederick B. Hall of Bridgeport as chief justice of the supreme court of Connecticut to succeed Judge Baldwin as Judge Hall is a Brown university man of the class of 1887, and sent his two sons to Brown, where they were members of the classes of 1899 and 1902.

The fire drill of the Westery high school has a new plan that has been mapped out by Principal J. H. Swain. After the regular alarm of three rings on the room electric bells, followed by one long one, the students go out the left part of the building, followed by the right part, they go out the right of the building.

The Westery high school baseball squad are taking outdoor practice beginning March 15 or 16. It is expected the nine will play on Beach street, where the football games are played. The building of a stone shed on the Oak street grounds has taken the best baseball diamond of Westery out of the center of the town and the two next best available grounds are on Moss and Beach streets.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

East Norwalk.—The oyster steamers report large catches of flounders in their dredges during the last week.

Danbury.—A. S. Arnold, tree warden, has cut green trees in the vicinity of Elmwood park a thorough trimming.

Waterville.—The Rev. Herbert L. Mitchell, rector of St. Peter's church, of Plymouth, preached Tuesday evening at St. Paul's church in Waterville.

Meriden.—The Humane society at its monthly meeting this week endorsed the bill in the general assembly abolishing the death penalty.

Ansonia.—No money has ever been provided for school medical inspection in Ansonia, although regular medical inspection is the rule in nearly all of the cities in the state.

Stamford.—The net grand list of Stamford coming from the board of assessors is \$23,694,402. The grand list, as made up by the assessors, amounted to \$23,755,091.

Waterbury.—The annual visit of the state thieves to dental offices in Waterbury was made Sunday and two places were entered, the office of Dr. F. W. Herr and Dr. W. B. Brewster's office.

Falls Village.—Judge Curtis has limited down his decision regarding the distribution of rewards for the capture of Harvey Wagner, horse thief. Deputy Sheriff Hornbeck of Falls Village is awarded \$90 and Mr. Smith of Sharon \$10.

Darien.—Burglars recently visited Dr. Ogden's drugstore at Cedar Gate, Darien, and took a considerable quantity of silverware, clothes and other articles. They rigged up a dummy even to stockings and placed it in one of the beds.

Bridgeport.—Tuesday was the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the German Reformed church on Congress street, and the event was observed in the evening by the burning of the mortgage on the church property, so that the church is now clear of incumbrances.

Greenwich.—A Lithuanian girl was brought to the Greenwich hospital the other day in great distress. The physicians were baffled for some time, not being able to ascertain the trouble. Finally an operation was deemed necessary, and a meat skewer three inches in length was removed from her intestines.

Wethersfield.—How many times will 273, plus several more, be contained in 52? is the problem which is confronting Warden Albert Garvin and the director of the Connecticut state prison at Wethersfield, where cellroom and workshops are well taxed to take care of the present lot of prisoners.

SUDDEN DEATH.

James Tuft of Bridgeport Dies While Visiting in Turnerville.

Wednesday's Bridgeport Telegram said:

James Tuft, a resident of this city, dropped dead while crossing Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. B. McCoy, in Turnerville, with whom he was visiting. Heart disease and advanced age were given as the causes of death. Deceased was 80 years of age.

Mr. Tuft and his wife have made their home for the past few years with their son, T. M. Tuft, of 181 Pembroke street. Late in the summer the couple went to the home of the daughter, Mrs. McCoy, for the benefit of the health of Mrs. Tuft, who is 52 years of age. Both had been enjoying good health, and Tuesday morning Mr. Tuft arose as usual and was partly dressed when he suddenly fell to the floor and expired before a physician could be summoned.

Surviving him besides the widow are three sons, T. M. Tuft of this city, John and Charles J., who reside in Milwaukee, Wis., and three daughters, Mrs. T. B. McCoy of Turnerville, Mrs. W. J. Archer of New York and Miss Margaret Tuft of this city. Deceased had been a resident of this city for the last ten years, but had lived a retired life, not being particularly

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